the National Commission for SCs and STs the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

(c) and (d) As per the figure given by Planning Commission, the total National Plan outlay during the Eighth and Ninth Five Year Plans was Rs. 4,34,100 crores and Rs. 8,59,200 crores respectively.

During Eighth Five Year Plan, Rs. 1591.00 crores was provided and Rs. 1977.63 crores was spent for scheme on ST Welfare and Rs. 2322.30 crores was provided and Rs. 2909.37 crores was spent on schemes for SC Welfare, which are additive in nature, by the Ministry of Welfare. During Ninth Five Year Plan, Rs. 4,156.50 crores was provided and Rs. 2763.09 crores was spent during 1997-98 to 2000-01 on Welfare of SCs and Rs. 414.13 crores was provided for schemes other than Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) and Grant under Article 275(1) of the Constitution and Rs. 2,271 crores have been spent on the schemes during 1997-98 to 2000-01 on Welfare of Scheduled Tribes by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Details of amount spent on SC and ST welfare by the State/UT Governments and other Central Ministries are maintained by the State/UT Governments and concerned Ministries.

Commission under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

1476. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the National Commissions for Backwards, SCs and STs Minorities, safai workers, etc. working under his Ministry;

(b) the composition of each one of them with dates of their notification, tenure alonwith the brief work done during the last two years; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to improve their functioning, effectiveness with a view to making lasting contribution on the fabric of community life, national integration with communal harmony?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The following commissions are working under the aegis of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment:

(i) National Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

(ii) National Commission for Safai Karamcharis

(iii) National Commission for Backward Classes

(iv) National Commission for Minorities

(b) and (c) A statement is enclosed (*See* below). The Commissions are Constitutional/Statutory bodies set up to make recommendations and advise the Government regarding the safeguards for the welfare of the target groups. Reports/recommendations of the Commission, including those having bearing on social upliftment of the weaker sections, national integration and communal harmony, are examined in the ministry for appropriate action thereon.

Statement

Commission under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

(i) **National Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes**

Present Composition

Name & Designation		Date of Joining
1. Shri Dilip Singh Bhuria	— Chairperson	16.12.1998
2. Shri Kameswar Paswan	— Vice-Chairperson	16.12.1998
3. Ven Lama Lobzang	— Member	15.12.1998
4. Shri Harinder Khalsa	— Member	17.12.1998
5. Shri Chotray Majhi	— Member	04.01.1999
6. Smt. Veena Nayyar	— Member	30.06.1999
7. Shri C. Chellappan	— Member	03.07.2000

Date of Notification: 27.01.1999, 02.07.1999 and 03.07.2000

Tenure Three years.

Work Done

The Commission held State level review meetings with States/Union Territories regarding implementation of development programmes for SCs & STs, protective legislation, reservation policy etc. The Commission submitted its 5th Report for the period 1998-99 on 26.02.2001 to the President of India. Two Special Reports on the evaluation of working of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities Act), 1989 and functioning of Special Courts in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh were also submitted to the President of India on 26.2.2001.

(ii) National Commission for Safai Karamcharis

Present Composition

Name & Designation			Date of Joining
1. Smt. Anita Arya	—	Chairperson	22.02.2001
2. Smt. Manju Chandra	—	Vice-Chairperson	16.02.2001
3. Shri Girija Shankar Prasad	—	Member	19.02.2001
4. Shri Subhas Dawre	—	Member	19.02.2001
5. Shri Ganga Ram Teja	—	Member	16.02.2001
6. Shri Chinta Sambha Murthy	—	Member	26.02.2001
7. Shri Ram Prasad Balmiki	—	Member	16.02.2001

Date of Notification 10.4.2001

Tenure: Upto 31.3.2002. It is proposed to extend the term of the Commission till 29.2.2004 vide the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (Amendment) Bill, 2001.

Work Done

The Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and Members of the Commission visited States/Union Territories to monitor and evaluate the working conditions of Safai Karamcharis. Complaints received by the Commission were attended to for redressal and in many cases the issues were settled and justice was provided to the affected persons.

(iii) National Commission for Backward Classes

Present Composition

Name & Designation			Date of Joining
1. Justice Banwari Lal Yadav	—	Chairperson	21.08.2000
2. Shri C.T. Benjamin	—	Member-Secretary	01.08.2000
3. Shri Mohinder Singh Matharoo	—	Member	14.07.1999
4. Smt. Neeru Shosou		Member	3-8-2000
5. Dr. Bhuban Mohan Das	—	Member	28.08.2000

Date of Notification 08.07.1999 and 28.07.2000

Tenure: Three years.

Work Done

The Commission has been performing the task of examining requests for inclusion of any class of citizen as a backward class in the lists and hear complaints of over-inclusion or under- inclusion of any backward class in such lists and tender such advice to the Central Government as it deems appropriate.

(iv) National Commission for Minorities

Present Composition

Name & Designation			Date of Joining
1. Justice Mohammed Shamim	—	Chairman	24.01.2000
2. Shri Tarlochan Singh	—	Vice-Chairman	24.01.2000
3. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) A.M. Sethna	—	Member	24.01.2000
4. Shri T.K. Lochen Tulku	—	Member	24.01.2000
5. Shri John Joseph	—	Member	24.01.2000
6. Shri Shamim Kazim	—	Member	31.01.2000
7. Mr. Vijay Kumar Dar	—	Member	24.01.2000

Date of Notification 21.1.2000

Tenure: Three years.

Work Done

The Commission celebrated ""Minorities Rights Day" on 18.12.1998. Two monographs on (i) Right of Minorities to Establish and Administer Educational Institutions and (ii) Minorities Right to Freedom of Religion were produced. The Commission also tendered advices on matters referred to it by the Government.

Problems faced by disabled

1477. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are over 60 million disabled people in the country;